

FULL WDB MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE
May 3, 2017

Members Present

Michelle Shirey, WDB Executive Director
Jack Fisher, Business
Andrea Rivera, DVRS
Lisa Cerny, GC Human & Disability Svcs.
Danny Sulpizio, Business
Jenn Shaw-Knab, DVRS
Anthony Bellia, Business
Dyanna Dessicino, GCIT
Alisha Thompson, DWD
Michelle Mullen, DWD
Gina Pratta Hoffman, Mosaic Family Success Ctr.
Bill Lang, GC Div. Social Services
Anne Wodnick, GC Library System
Ray Childs, GC DoC
Brian Mattei, GCIT
Kim Alexander, GCIT
Angela Lucas, hireAbility
Ken Barnshaw, Business
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Tom Bianco, GC Economic Development
Joe Ferrari, DWD
Dr. W. King, FBO
Anthony DiFabio, Robin's Nest
Michael Dicken, GCIT
Vito Palo, DVRS
John Mondelli, GCIT
Leona Mather, GC Senior Services
Allen Magid, RCGC
Ricky O'Hara, NJLWD
Patty Claghorn, RCGC
Robert DeMarco, NJLWD
Cleve Bryan, Business
Stephen Hart, DWD
Kathy Farinaccio, Business
Heather Faulkner, GC Housing Authority
Sam Ferraino, Business
Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Visitor

Melissa Eckstein, Gateway High School
Melina Zamalloa, GC Chamber of Commerce

Heather Allen, NJLWD

Michelle opened the meeting at 8:20 am.
Salute the Flag
Reading of Open Public Meetings Act
Verification of quorum was made

A motion to approve February 1, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Dr. King, seconded b A. DiFabio.

Presentation

Melissa Eckstein, Career Counselor from Gateway High School provided presentation on Career Pathways. They start exposing students to the 16 career clusters recognized by the State of New Jersey in 7th grade. They offer a very extensive career day each year, with over 50 presenters in various career areas. Her presentation included stories of job shadowing and internships.

Approval of Recommendation for One Stop Operator Contract – Jack announced the RFP Review Committee/Task Force has selected the County of Gloucester's proposal for One Stop Operator for a 2-year contract. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by A. Bellia, seconded by Dr. King.

Policy Approval for Guidance of Selective Service – The State is requiring for WIOA funding the WDB and AJC to have a policy on our Selective Service process. A draft was presented to the attending members. A motion to

approve Guidance of Selective Service policy to be used at AJC for WIOA clients was made by S. Hart, seconded by J. Fisher.

WDB Update

Michelle reported there have been changes at the AJC and in Workforce Development Board over the last 2 years with retirements. Positions and roles have changed along with hiring of new staff. Michelle introduced newest staff member – Joe Ferrari.

We had a successful job fair on March 24, 2017, we know approximately 20 people have been hired from that event.

Announcements

GCLS – Anne W. reported the NJLWD/Career Connections grant has been extended for 1 year. The Glassboro Library Branch will have a trained Career Connections navigator who will assist with employment opportunities.

RCGC – Patty C. reported Friday, May 12, they will host a Tri-County Chamber Workforce Development Conference at the RCGC Business Corp. Center.

The Cooperative Education program is thriving. Patty stated if anyone is interested in sponsoring a student, they'd would help.

Michelle reported we have 4 interns from RCGC in our department and we are thrilled with them.

GC DHS – Lisa C. reported there will be a summer session for mental health and addiction services at the GC Library Mullica Hill. There will be 5 sessions starting May 10, 2017.

The 2nd Disability Employment Job Fair & Resource Event will be held Friday, July 14, 2017 at the Clayton Complex. Resume writing and job searching skills workshops will be held prior to the job fair.

The 2nd candlelight vigil for those that have lost a loved one due to addiction on August 31, 2017 at Atkinson Park. A recovery walk has been added to this event.

DVRS – Vito reported The Diversity Targeted Hiring Event will be held May 10, 2017 at Camden DVRS office. They have 15 employers participating to hire entry-level individuals with a disability.

A motion for adjournment was made by D. Sulpizio, seconded by J. Mondelli.

The next Full WDB Membership Conference will be held August 2, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff